

PLT/ Science

A Blueprint for Learning K-8

Skills are coded and identified as Introduced (I), Developing (D), State CRT and Writing Assessed (A), and Mastered and Maintained (M).

- Introduced (I) skills are new skills presented at that grade level. Even though a skill is considered introduced at a grade level, some development would also occur.
- Developing (D) skills are skills that have been introduced at a previous grade level. At this stage of development the skills are being refined and expanded.
- Assessed (A) skills are those skills that are correlated to the state performance indicators for the CRT portion of the achievement test (grades 3-8) and the writing assessment (grades 5 and 8). The identified skills are formally assessed through the CRT; however, all skills are informally assessed in the classroom.
 - For the purpose of data reporting, assessed (A) skills are grouped into categories indicating related skills and knowledge. For example, grammar, mechanics, and usage are grouped together under the grammar (G) category. Each state assessed indicator included on the Blueprint carries a legend showing that it is assessed and indicating the category in which it will be reported (e.g., Assessed/Grammar=A/G).
- Mastered and Maintained (M) indicates a skill that has been introduced, developed, and assessed. Even though a skill may be formally assessed, the development and expansion of the skill still continues.

SCIENCE Kindergarten

Life Science Standards

1.0 Cell Structure and Function

The student will investigate the structure and function of plant and animal cells.

Key	Reporting Category		PLT ACTIVITY
I		Assemble and take apart objects to determine that most things are made up of parts.	N/A
I		Observe and describe what happens when an object is missing a part.	N/A

2.0 Interactions Between Living Things and Their Environment

The student will investigate how living things interact with one another and with nonliving elements of their environment.

I		Recognize that humans have five senses and be able to discriminate among these.	2 Get In Touch with Trees p. 20 3 Peppermint Beetle p. 23 4 Sounds Around (part A) p. 26 21 Adopt a Tree (part A) p. 97 46 Schoolyard Safari (variation) p. 197
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5.0 Diversity and Adaptation Among Living Things

The student will understand that living things have characteristics that enable them to survive in their environment.

I		Know that different organisms tend to be found in different environments.	6 Picture This (A) p. 34 46 School Yard Safari p. 197
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EARTH SCIENCE STANDARDS

7.0 Earth and Its Place in the Universe

The student will investigate the structure of the universe.

I		Identify objects that appear in the day and nighttime sky.	N/A
I		Classify pictures as representative of day or night.	N/A

8.0 Atmospheric Cycles

The student will investigate the relationships among atmospheric conditions, weather, and climate.

I		Identify daily weather conditions (e.g., hot, cool, sunny, snowy, and rainy).	N/A
I		Associate clothing and activity choices with various types of weather.	N/A

10.0 Earth Resources

The student will investigate the properties, uses, and conservation of earth's resources.

I		Recognize a variety of earth materials (e.g., rocks, pebbles, and sand).	13 We All Need Trees (part A) p. 65 70 Soil Stories (part A) p. 297
I		Classify objects as natural or manmade.	N/A

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PHYSICAL SCIENCE STANDARDS

11.0 Forces and Motion

The student will investigate the effects of force on the movement of objects.

I		Recognize that objects can move in different directions and at different speeds.	N/A
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12.0 Structure and Properties of Matter

The student will investigate the characteristic properties of matter.

I		Describe an object according to its simple properties.	1 The Shape of Things p. 17 2 Get In Touch With Trees p. 20 61 The Closer You Look p. 263 64 Looking At Leaves p. 273
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14.0 Energy

The student will investigate energy and its uses.

I		Identify the sun as the source of earth's heat and light energy.	N/A
I		Identify different sounds and their sources.	4 Sounds Around p. 26

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SCIENCE **First Grade**

LIFE SCIENCE STANDARDS

1.0 Cell Structure and Function

The student will investigate the structure and function of plant and animal cells.

Key	Reporting Category		PLT ACTIVITY
I		Use magnifiers to observe smaller parts of larger objects.	65 Bursting Buds (<i>enrichment – use magnifiers to examine twigs & buds</i>) p. 277
D		Observe and describe what happens when an object loses a part.	N/A

2.0 Interactions Between Living Things and Their Environment

The student will investigate how living things interact with one another and with nonliving elements of their environment.

D		Use the senses to explore the environment.	2 Get In Touch With Trees p. 20 3 Peppermint Beetle p. 23 4 Sounds Around (part B) p. 26 22 Trees as Habitats p. 102 46 Schoolyard Safari p. 197
I		Collect information about organisms that occupy specific environments.	22 Trees as Habitats p. 102 24 Nature's Recyclers p. 108 46 Schoolyard Safari p. 197 47 Are Vacant Lots... p. 200
I		Provide examples of pollutants in a specific environment.	36 Pollution Search (var.) p. 153

3.0 Food Production and Energy for Life

The student will study the basic parts of plants, investigate how plants produce food, and discover that plants and animals use food to sustain life.

I		Recognize the basic needs of living things (e.g., food, water, sunlight, and air).	24 Nature's Recyclers p. 108 27 Every Tree for Itself p. 117 41 How Plants Grow p. 179 63 Tree Factory (variation) p. 269
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5.0 Diversity and Adaptation Among Living Things

The student will understand that living things have characteristics that enable them to survive in their environment.

I		Observe and note differences among plants and animals of the same kind.	25 Birds and Worms p. 111 43 Have Seeds, Will Travel p. 185 64 Looking at Leaves p. 273
D		Recognize the environment in which an organism is typically found.	6 Picture This! p. 34 24 Nature's Recyclers p. 108

EARTH SCIENCE STANDARDS

7.0 Earth and Its Place in the Universe

The student will investigate the structure of the universe.

D		Distinguish between objects that appear in the day and nighttime sky.	N/A
I		Recognize that the moon is the closest object in the sky.	N/A
I		Recognize that there are tools for observing objects in the day and nighttime sky.	N/A
D		Observe and illustrate the position of the sun at different times of the day.	N/A
I		Recognize that shadows change length and position during the course of a day.	N/A

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8.0 Atmospheric Cycles

The student will investigate the relationships among atmospheric conditions, weather, and climate.

D	Recognize that weather conditions are constantly changing.	N/A
I	Describe weather patterns associated with the seasons.	N/A
D	Associate temperature, precipitation, and wind conditions with various types of weather.	N/A
I	Identify the appropriate tool for measuring temperature, precipitation, and wind speed/direction.	N/A

9.0 Earth Features

The student will understand that the earth has many geological features that are constantly changing.

I	Distinguish between land and water environments.	N/A
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10.0 Earth Resources

The student will investigate the properties, uses, and conservation of earth's resources.

D	Use observable properties to distinguish among a variety of earth materials.	70 Soil Stories p. 297
D	Identify ways that earth resources benefit man.	13 We All Need Trees p. 65 30 Three Cheers for Trees! p. 130 32 A Forest of Many Uses p. 135 51 Make Your Own Paper p. 224

PHYSICAL SCIENCE STANDARDS

11.0 Forces and Motion

The student will investigate the effects of force on the movement of objects.

D	Observe and describe how the movement of an object can be changed (e.g., push/pull, fast/slow).	N/A
I	Recognize objects that are balanced.	N/A

12.0 Structure and Properties of Matter

The student will investigate the characteristic properties of matter.

D	Compare objects according to weight, length, and size.	2 Get In Touch with Trees p. 20 6 Picture This! p. 34
I	Distinguish between solids and liquids.	N/A

13.0 Interactions of Matter

The student will investigate the interactions of matter.

I	Observe and describe changes that can occur when two materials interact.	N/A
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14.0 Energy

The student will investigate energy and its uses.

D	Describe the effect of the sun's energy on different materials.	N/A
D	Classify sounds according to their basic characteristics (e.g., loud/soft, natural/man/made).	4 Sounds Around p. 26

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SCIENCE Second Grade

LIFE SCIENCE STANDARDS

1.0 Cell Structure and Function

The student will investigate the structure and function of plant and animal cells.

Key	Reporting Category		PLT ACTIVITY
D		Use magnifiers to study smaller parts of animals and identify their functions.	N/A
D		Use magnifiers to observe and describe what occurs when a plant or an animal loses a specific part.	N/A

2.0 Interactions Between Living Things and Their Environment

The student will investigate how living things interact with one another and with nonliving elements of their environment.

I		Categorize objects as living or nonliving.	21 Adopt a Tree p. 97 79 Tree Lifecycle (variation) p. 341
D		Determine how animals interact with the living and nonliving elements in their environment through the senses.	3 Peppermint Beetle p. 23 4 Sounds Around p. 26 24 Nature's Recyclers p. 108 47 Are Vacant Lots Vacant? p. 200
I		Determine how organisms interact with the nonliving elements of their environment.	24 Nature's Recyclers p. 108 25 Birds and Worms p. 111 27 Every Tree for Itself p. 117 46 Schoolyard Safari p. 197 79 Tree Lifecycle p. 341
D		Recognize different types of pollutants.	4 Sounds Around (enrichment) p. 26 36 Pollution Search p. 153

3.0 Food Production and Energy for Life

The student will study the basic parts of plants, investigate how plants produce food, and discover that plants and animals use food to sustain life.

D		Compare how plants and animals satisfy their basic requirements for life.	16 Pass the Plants Please p. 77 22 Nature's Recyclers p. 108 63 Tree Factory p. 269
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4.0 Heredity and Reproduction

The student will understand the basic principles of inheritance.

I		Recognize that all living things come from other living things.	43 Have Seeds, Will Travel p. 185
I		Match offspring with their parents.	N/A
I		Recognize that as an organism grows, its appearance may change.	41 How Plants Grow p. 179 65 Bursting Buds p. 277 79 Tree Lifecycle p. 341

5.0 Diversity and Adaptation Among Living Things

The student will understand that living things have characteristics that enable them to survive in their environment.

D		Provide specific examples of differences among animals of the same kind.	N/A
D		Classify an organism according to the environment in which it can best survive.	6 Picture This! p. 34 25 Birds and Worms p. 111 43 Have Seeds, Will Travel p. 185

6.0 Biological Change

The student will understand that living things have changed over time.

I		Recognize that some plants and animals that formerly inhabited the earth are no longer present on earth.	N/A
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EARTH SCIENCE STANDARDS

7.0 Earth and Its Place in the Universe

The student will investigate the structure of the universe.

D	Recognize that there are innumerable stars in the nighttime sky that vary in brightness, color, and location.	N/A
D	Recognize that the sun is the brightest object in the sky and earth's closest star.	N/A
D	Determine the approximate time of day from the position of the sun in the sky.	N/A
I	Recognize that the phases of the moon occur in a predictable pattern.	N/A

9.0 Earth Features

The student will understand that the earth has many geological features that are constantly changing.

D	Recognize the earth's major geological features (e.g., mountains, oceans, and lakes).	N/A
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10.0 Earth Resources

The student will investigate the properties, uses, and conservation of earth's resources.

I	Recognize the components of soil and sand.	70 Soil Stories p. 297
I	Observe the properties of sand and soil.	70 Soil Stories p. 297
D	Identify various methods to conserve earth resources (e.g., soil, trees, and water).	13 We All Need Trees (part B) p. 65 15 A Few of My Favorite ... p. 75 30 Three Cheers for Trees p. 130 51 Make Your Own Paper p. 224

PHYSICAL SCIENCE STANDARDS

11.0 Forces and Motion

The student will investigate the effects of force on the movement of objects.

D	Recognize that objects fall unless supported.	N/A
I	Identify materials that are attracted to magnets.	N/A
D	Observe how changing the amount of weight affects a balanced system.	N/A

12.0 Structure and Properties of Matter

The student will investigate the characteristic properties of matter.

D	Identify physical properties that can be used to describe a material.	1 The Shape of Things p. 17 2 Get In Touch with Trees p. 20 61 The Closer You Look p. 263
D	Describe ways in which a material can be changed.	N/A

13.0 Interactions of Matter

The student will investigate the interactions of matter.

D	Recognize that when substances combine they may retain their individual properties (e.g., salt and pepper).	N/A
D	Recognize that when substances combine they may lose their individual properties (e.g., powdered drink mix with water).	N/A

14.0 Energy

The student will investigate energy and its uses.

D	Compare the heating and cooling rates of land, air, and water.	N/A
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SCIENCE Third Grade

LIFE SCIENCE STANDARDS

1.0 Cell Structure and Function

The student will investigate the structure and function of plant and animal cells.

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M		Use magnifiers to study the smaller parts of plants and identify their functions.	65 Bursting Buds (<i>enrichment – use magnifiers to examine twigs & buds</i>) p. 277
A	SF	Identify the part that belongs to a specific plant or animal.	N/A
M		Use magnifiers to observe and describe what occurs when a plant loses a specific part (e.g., leaves, roots).	N/A
A	SF	Identify the part that is missing from a specific plant or animal.	63 Tree Factory, p. 269
D		Recognize that smaller parts of organisms are essential to their well being.	42 Sunlight and Shades..., p. 182 62 To Be a Tree, p. 265 63 Tree Factory, p. 269
A	SF	Identify the function of specific plant and animal parts.	42 Sunlight and Shades..., p. 182 62 To Be a Tree, p. 265 63 Tree Factory, p. 269

2.0 Interactions Between Living Things and Their Environment

The student will investigate how living things interact with one another and with nonliving elements of their environment.

D		Examine an object's characteristics to determine if the object is living or nonliving.	N/A
A	E	Distinguish between living and nonliving things in an illustration.	N/A
D		Explain how plants and animals depend upon each other and the nonliving elements of an environment to meet basic needs.	7 Habitat Pen Pals, p. 37 22 Trees as Habitats, p. 102 24 Nature's Recyclers, p. 108 27 Every Tree for Itself, p. 117 46 Schoolyard Safari, p. 197
A	E	Select the plants and animals found in a specific environment.	7 Habitat Pen Pals, p. 37 22 Trees as Habitats, p. 102
A	E	Identify the sense used to collect specific information.	36 Pollution Search, p. 153
D		Describe how environments are affected by various kinds of pollution.	36 Pollution Search, p. 153
A	E	Identify the environment that has been impacted by pollutants.	36 Pollution Search, p. 153

3.0 Food Production and Energy for Life

The student will study the basic parts of plants, investigate how plants produce food, and discover that plants and animals use food to sustain life.

D		Explain how animals depend on plants to meet their need for energy.	16 Pass the Plants, Please, p. 77 (Teacher: connect food to energy)
A	SF	Identify the basic needs of plants and animals.	63 Tree Factory, p. 269
A	SF	Recognize that animals obtain their food by eating plants or other animals.	22 Nature's Recyclers, p. 108
I		Examine the major parts of plants and determine their functions.	62 To Be a Tree, p. 265 63 Tree Factory, p. 269

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A	SF	Recognize that plants use sunlight, water, and air for photosynthesis.	28 Air Plants, p. 120 42 Sunlight and Shades of Green, p. 182
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4.0 Heredity and Reproduction

The student will understand the basic principles of inheritance.

D		Recognize that organisms develop the ability to reproduce as they mature.	43 Have Seeds, Will Travel, p. 185 79 Tree Lifecycle, p. 341
D		Note similarities and differences between parents and offspring.	N/A
A	LC	Choose the diagram that depicts a parent with its offspring.	N/A
A	LC	Select the illustration that shows an adult organism.	N/A
D		Describe how an organism (e.g., frog, butterfly) changes as it matures.	79 Tree Lifecycle, p. 341 65 Bursting Buds, p. 277
A	LC	Select the illustration that shows how an organism changes as it matures.	79 Tree Lifecycle, p. 341

5.0 Diversity and Adaptation Among Living Things

The student will understand that living things have characteristics that enable them to survive in their environment.

D		Provide specific examples of differences among plants of the same kind.	64 Looking at Leaves, p. 273
A	E	Identify groups of similar organisms (i.e., plants and animals).	6 Picture This! p. 34 43 Have Seeds, Will Travel, p. 185 64 Looking at Leaves, p. 273
D		Specify the features that enable a plant or animal to survive in its environment.	7 Habitat Pen Pals p. 37 25 Birds and Worms, p. 111 43 Have Seeds, Will Travel, p. 185
A	E	Identify an organism that belongs in a specific environment.	7 Habitat Pen Pals, p. 37 21 Adopt a Tree (enrich #1), p. 97
A	E	Identify the characteristics that enable a specific plant and/or animal to survive in its environment.	7 Habitat Pen Pals, p. 37 25 Birds and Worms, p. 111

6.0 Biological Change

The student will understand that living things have changed over time.

A	LC	Identify an example, other than a dinosaur, of an extinct organism.	N/A
A	LC	Identify evidence used to determine that an organism previously existed.	N/A
A	LC	Match the organism to the evidence for its former existence.	N/A

EARTH SCIENCE STANDARDS

7.0 Earth and Its Place in the Universe

The student will investigate the structure of the universe.

A	SC	Choose the appropriate tool for observing a specific distant object.	N/A
D		Recognize that planets are major features of the universe.	N/A
A	SC	Identify the components of the solar system (e.g., planets, moon).	N/A
D		Explain how day and night result from the rotation of the Earth relative to the sun.	N/A
A	SC	Identify objects found in the day or nighttime sky.	N/A
A	SC	Identify the approximate time of day from a picture of the sun's position in the sky.	N/A
A	SC	Identify the four basic phases of the moon.	N/A

8.0 Atmospheric Cycles

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The student will investigate the relationships among atmospheric conditions, weather, and climate.

A	SC	Select appropriate clothing for a given weather condition.	N/A
A	SC	Match the cloud type to a specific kind of weather.	N/A
D		Explain how changes in temperature, precipitation, wind speed/direction result in different weather conditions.	N/A
A	SC	Identify the season when given a description of weather, plants, and animals.	78 Signs of Fall, p. 337
A	SC	Match temperature, precipitation, wind speed and direction, and cloud conditions with different weather conditions.	N/A
A	SC	Identify the appropriate tools to measure temperature and precipitation.	N/A
D		Use data to prepare an illustration of a specific day's weather.	N/A

9.0 Earth Features

The student will understand that the earth has many geological features that are constantly changing.

D		Compare and contrast a variety of different landforms and bodies of water.	N/A
A	ER	Identify the labeled part of a map or illustration as a continent, ocean, lake, river, mountain, or island.	N/A
A	ER	Select the illustration that identifies a specific geological feature.	N/A
A	ER	Identify a geological feature given specific information.	N/A

10.0 Earth Resources

The student will investigate the properties, uses, and conservation of earth's resources.

I		Explain the relationship between rocks and minerals.	N/A
D		Identify common types of rocks.	N/A
D		Identify materials and resources that can be reused.	13 We All Need Trees (part B), p. 65 15 A Few of My Favorite..., p. 75 51 Make Your Own Paper, p. 224
A	ER	Identify an object as natural or man-made.	N/A
A	ER	Recognize the properties used to identify specific earth materials.	N/A
A	ER	Identify methods for conserving natural resources.	13 We All Need Trees (part B), p. 65 15 A Few of My...(enrich.), p. 75 51 Make Your Own Paper, p. 224

PHYSICAL SCIENCE STANDARDS

11.0 Forces and Motion

The student will investigate the effects of force on the movement of objects.

I		Describe the relationship between the amount of force applied to an object and the distance the object moves.	N/A
A	ME	Identify that an unbalanced force is needed to change the direction of an object.	N/A
D		Recognize that objects move differently on different surfaces.	N/A
A	ME	Select how surface characteristics affect the movement of an object.	N/A
D		Recognize that magnets can move objects without touching them.	N/A
A	ME	Select an object that would be attracted by a magnet.	N/A
D		Describe how changing the position of an object affects a balanced system.	N/A
A	ME	Identify how weights affect a balanced scale.	N/A

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12.0 Structure and Properties of Matter

The student will investigate the characteristic properties of matter.

D		Classify materials according to their physical properties.	2 Get In Touch With Trees, p. 20
A	M	Select an object according to a particular property.	1 The Shape of Things, p. 17
A	M	Order objects according to a specific property (e.g., longest to shortest, heaviest to lightest).	N/A
A	M	Identify an object when given its properties.	68 Name That Tree, p. 288
D		Select and use appropriate tools to observe and measure the physical properties of materials.	N/A
A	M	Identify appropriate tools for determining the weight or length of materials.	N/A

13.0 Interactions of Matter

The student will investigate the interactions of matter.

D		Explain how materials change their form, color, or texture when they are mixed, separated, or heated.	N/A
A	M	Identify the effects of mixing two types of materials (e.g., salt and pepper).	N/A
A	M	Choose features associated with physical changes.	N/A
A	M	Identify methods for separating mixtures.	N/A

14.0 Energy

The student will investigate energy and its uses.

D		Analyze data to explain the heating and cooling of land, air, and water.	N/A
A	ME	Identify the source of the Earth's heat and light energy.	N/A
A	ME	Identify the illustration that demonstrates the effects of the sun on various materials.	N/A
I		Differentiate between pitch and volume.	N/A
A	ME	Identify how sounds are produced.	N/A

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SCIENCE **Fourth Grade**

LIFE SCIENCE STANDARDS

1.0 Cell Structure and Function

The student will investigate the structure and function of plant and animal cells.

Key	Reporting Category		PLT ACTIVITY
I		Examine a variety of plant and animal cells.	N/A
A	SF	Identify the function of specific plant and animal parts.	28 Air Plants, p. 120 42 Sunlight and Shades, p.182 62 To Be a Tree, p. 265 63 Tree Factory, p. 269 65 Bursting Buds, p. 277
A	SF	Recognize the basic structure of plant and animal cells.	N/A
A	SF	Identify animal and plant cell structures and functions.	N/A

2.0 Interactions Between Living Things and Their Environment

The student will investigate how living things interact with one another and with nonliving elements of their environment.

I		Examine and relate how plants and animals interact with each other and their environment.	3 Peppermint Beetle p. 23 41 How Plants Grow p. 179 46 School Yard Safari p. 197
A	E	Select plants and animals found in a specific environment.	7 Habitat Pen Pals p. 37 9 Planet Diversity p. 45 10 Charting Diversity p. 50
A	E	Recognize how plants and animals interact with each other in their environment.	22 Trees as Habitats p. 102 23 The Fallen Log p. 105 27 Every Tree for Itself p. 117 45 Web of Life p. 194 47 Are Vacant Lots Vacant? p. 200
I		Provide evidence and give examples of environmental changes caused by living things.	28 Air Plants p. 120 30 Three Cheers for Trees! p. 130 36 Pollution Search p. 153 40 Then & Now p. 174
A	E	Identify ways that organisms affect their environment.	23 The Fallen Log p. 105 44 Water Wonders p. 188 45 Web of Life p. 194 80 Nothing Succeedsp. 345 89 Trees for Many Reasons p. 387

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3.0 Food Production and Energy for Life

The student will study the basic parts of plants, investigate how plants produce food, and discover that plants and animals use food to sustain life.

D		Explain that animals must obtain food and use food for energy.	24 Nature's Recyclers p. 108
A	SF	Compare how various animals obtain and use food for energy.	23 The Fallen Log p. 105 45 Web of Life p. 194
A	SF	Match the edible parts of plants with particular plant structures.	16 Pass the Plants, Please p. 77,
D		Compare how specific animals obtain oxygen (e.g., gills, lungs).	N/A
A	SF	Match the animal with their means of obtaining oxygen.	N/A

4.0 Heredity and Reproduction

The student will understand the basic principles of inheritance.

D		Compare the traits of offspring with those of the parent.	66 Germinating Giants p. 279 79 Tree Life Cycle p. 341
A	LC	Distinguish offspring from the parent.	N/A
A	LC	Recognize the relationship between reproduction and the survival of a species.	79 Tree Life Cycle p. 341
D		Describe the life cycle of an animal (i.e., frog, mealworm).	N/A
A	LC	Select the illustration that depicts the life cycle of a specific organism.	79 Tree Life Cycle p. 341

5.0 Diversity and Adaptation Among Living Things

The student will understand that living things have characteristics that enable them to survive in their environment.

D		Classify animals according to their characteristics.	6 Picture This! p. 34 10 Charting Diversity p. 50
A	E	Match a plant or animal adaptation to a particular environmental condition.	7 Habitat Pen Pals p. 37 10 Charting Diversity p. 50 11 Can It Be Real? p. 54 25 Birds and Worms p.111
A	E	Compare and contrast groups of organisms according to their major features.	2 Get In Touch With Trees p. 20 6 Picture This! p. 34 11 Can It Be Real? p. 54 43 Have Seeds, Will Travel p. 185 64 Looking At Leaves p. 273
A	E	Match the form of structures found in living things to their function.	11 Can It Be Real? p. 54 43 Have Seeds, Will Travel p. 185 62 To Be A Tree p. 265

6.0 Biological Change

The student will understand that living things have changed over time.

D		Examine fossils and explain how they provide information about the types of organisms that lived in the past.	N/A
A	LC	Match fossil evidence with organisms that are alive today.	N/A
A	LC	Identify animal and plant populations as thriving, threatened, endangered, or extinct.	88 Life on the Edge p. 382
A	LC	Infer possible causes of extinction.	N/A

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EARTH SCIENCE STANDARDS

7.0 Earth and Its Place in the Universe

The student will investigate the structure of the universe.

D		Identify and order the planets in the solar system by their distance from the sun.	N/A
A	SC	Determine the order of the planets according to their distance from the sun.	N/A
A	SC	Recognize that the length and position of a shadow are related to the location of the sun.	67 How Big is Your Tree? p. 284
D		Demonstrate how the earth rotates and revolves.	N/A
D		Simulate the changing shape of the moon.	N/A
A	SC	Identify the phases of the moon in the correct sequence.	N/A

8.0 Atmospheric Cycles

The student will investigate the relationships among atmospheric conditions, weather, and climate.

D		Identify and use the proper tools to measure atmospheric conditions (i.e., barometer, thermometer, anemometer, and rain gauge).	48 Field, Forest, and Stream p. 203
A	SC	Identify the cloud type(s) associated with specific weather conditions.	N/A
A	SC	Choose the appropriate instrument for measuring a given atmospheric condition.	48 Field, Forest, and Stream p. 203
I		Describe how oceans affect weather and climate.	
A	SC	Identify the basic features of the water cycle.	44 Water Wonders p. 188

9.0 Earth Features

The student will understand that the earth has many geological features that are constantly changing.

I		Observe and describe how wind and water change the earth's geological features.	N/A
A	ER	Recognize specific geological features.	N/A
A	ER	Determine how wind and water change the earth's geological features	N/A
I		Identify the earth's layers.	N/A
A	ER	Identify the layers of the earth.	N/A

10.0 Earth Resources

The student will investigate the properties, uses, and conservation of earth's resources.

D		Classify earth materials according to their use.	39 Energy Sleuths p. 167 69 Forest for the Trees p. 291 70 Soil Stories p. 297 82 Resource-Go-Round p. 355
A	ER	Choose the appropriate use for an earth material.	15 A Few of My Favorite ... p. 75 82 Resource-Go Round p. 355
I		Identify the different components of soil.	70 Soil Stories p. 297
A	ER	Identify the basic characteristics of soil.	48 Field, Forest, and Stream p. 203 70 Soil Stories p. 297
A	ER	Distinguish between renewable and nonrenewable resources.	14 Renewable or Not? p. 69 15 A Few of My Favorite ... p. 75 82 Resource-Go-Round p. 355

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PHYSICAL SCIENCE STANDARDS

11.0 Forces and Motion

The student will investigate the effects of force on the movement of objects.

A	ME	Recognize the effects of gravity.	N/A
A	ME	Select factors that have the greatest effect on the motion of an object.	N/A
A	ME	Determine how speed affects distance traveled over time.	N/A
A	ME	Recognize simple machines (i.e., inclined plane, lever, and pulley)	N/A
I		Identify factors that affect the amount of friction.	N/A

12.0 Structure and Properties of Matter

The student will investigate the characteristic properties of matter.

M		Describe and compare observations made of objects using the naked eye, magnifying glass, and microscope.	70 Soil Stories p. 297
M		Describe matter by its observable physical properties (i.e., color, shape, texture, weight, volume, and length).	2 Get In Touch With Trees p. 20 9 Planet Diversity p. 45 21 Adopt A Tree p. 97 48 Field, Forest and Stream p. 203 70 Soil Stories p. 297
A	M	Select an object according to its observable physical properties.	
A	M	Identify states of matter.	44 Water Wonders p. 188
A	M	Determine how various types of matter change state.	

13.0 Interactions of Matter

The student will investigate the interactions of matter.

A	M	Choose features associated with physical changes.	51 Make Your Own Paper p. 224
A	M	Identify characteristics of different types of mixtures.	
A	M	Determine methods for separating mixtures.	

14.0 Energy

The student will investigate energy and its uses.

A	ME	Identify different forms of energy.	4 Sounds Around p. 26, 39 Energy Sleuths p. 167 42 Sunlight & Shades of Green p. 182 73 Waste Watchers p. 314
I		Describe how light behaves when it strikes different surfaces.	N/A
I		Explain how the volume and pitch of sound are controlled.	N/A
A	ME	Distinguish between the volume and the pitch of sound.	N/A
I		Construct and explain a simple electrical circuit.	N/A
A	ME	Select a simple electrical circuit.	N/A
I		Categorize materials as conductors or insulators.	N/A
A	ME	Recognize that various materials conduct heat.	N/A

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SCIENCE **Fifth Grade**

LIFE SCIENCE STANDARDS

1.0 Cell Structure and Function

The student will investigate the structure and function of plant and animal cells.

Key	Reporting Category		
D		Draw and label the basic structures of plant and animal cells (i.e., cell wall, cell membrane, cytoplasm, nucleus, and chloroplasts).	N/A
D		Compare and contrast the basic structures of plant and animal cells (i.e., cell membrane, cytoplasm, and nucleus)	N/A
A	SF	Identify basic structures of plant and animal cells.	N/A
A	SF	Compare and contrast basic structures and functions of plant and animal cells.	N/A
A	SF	Distinguish between single cell and multicellular organisms.	N/A
I		Differentiate among cells, tissues, organs, and systems.	N/A

2.0 Interactions Between Living Things and Their Environment

The student will investigate how living things interact with one another and with nonliving elements of their environment.

D		Classify specific kinds of relationships among plants and animals within an ecosystem.	26 Dynamic Duos – p. 113 45 Web of Life – p. 194
A	E	Determine various types of plant and animal relationships within an ecosystem.	7 Habitat Pen Pals – p. 37 22 Trees as Habitats (part B) – p. 97 47 Are Vacant Lots Vacant? – p. 200 80 Nothing Succeeds ... – p. 345
D		Predict the consequences of a human action on the environment.	36 Pollution Search – p. 153 37 Reduce, Reuse, Recycle – p. 159 47 Are Vacant Lots Vacant? – p. 200 69 Forest For the Trees – p. 291 89 Trees for Many Reasons – p. 287
A	E	Identify environmental changes caused by living things.	12 Invasive Species – p. 59 28 Air Plants – p. 120 23 The Fallen Log – p. 105 31 Plant a Tree – p. 132 80 Nothing Succeeds ... – p. 345
A	E	Predict the effects of human actions and/or natural disasters on the environment.	36 Pollution Search – p. 153 44 Water Wonders – p. 188 80 Nothing Succeeds ... – p. 345 86 Our Changing World – p. 375 88 Life On the Edge – p. 382

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3.0 Food Production and Energy for Life

The student will study the basic parts of plants, investigate how plants produce food, and discover that plants and animals use food to sustain life.

I		Describe how various plant structures are associated with food production (i.e., stems, leaves, and stomata).	42 Sunlight and Shades of Green – p. 182
A	SF	Match plant structures with their functions.	28 Air Plants – p. 120 42 Sunlight and – p. 182 63 Tree Factory – p. 269
A	SF	Identify photosynthesis as the food manufacturing process in plants.	42 Sunlight and – p. 182
A	SF	Identify what plants need (i.e., water, sunlight, and carbon dioxide) to manufacture food.	27 Every Tree for Itself – p. 117 41 How Plants Grow (var) – p. 179 42 Sunlight and.... – p. 182

4.0 Heredity and Reproduction

The student will understand the basic principles of inheritance.

I		Explain the function of the flower in plant reproduction.	N/A
I		Observe specific plants and explain how they grow from and produce seeds (i.e., sunflowers, and beans).	N/A
I		Compare and contrast how different plants reproduce (i.e., flowers and spores).	
D		Recognize that new generations of living things arise through reproduction.	N/A
A	LC	Compare the traits of parents and their offspring.	
A	LC	Infer the importance of reproduction to the survival of a species.	43 Have Seeds, Will Travel – p. 185 79 Tree Lifecycle – p. 341
D		Describe the life cycle of a fast growing plant.	
A	LC	Recognize the difference between complete and incomplete metamorphosis.	N/A

5.0 Diversity and Adaptation Among Living Things

The student will understand that living things have characteristics that enable them to survive in their environment.

D		Classify plants according to their characteristics.	68 Name That Tree – p. 288
A	E	Match the form with the function of structures in living things.	43 Have Seeds, Will Travel – p. 185 10 Charting Diversity – p. 50 7 Habitat Pen Pals – p. 37
D		Compare how plants are adapted to different environments (e.g., palm tree, fir tree, and cactus).	11 Can It Be Real? – p. 54
A	E	Compare how organisms adapt to different environments.	10 Charting Diversity – p. 50 11 Can It Be Real? – p. 54
A	E	Identify adaptations that enhance the survival of organisms in an environment.	10 Charting Diversity – p. 50 7 Habitat Pen Pals – p. 37 25 Birds and Worms – p. 111
A	E	Determine which organisms are likely to survive in a particular environment.	7 Habitat Pen Pals – p. 37 43 Have Seeds, Will Travel – p. 185 10 Charting Diversity – p. 50 9 Planet Diversity – p. 45

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6.0 Biological Change

The student will understand that living things have characteristics that enable them to survive in their environment.

D		Explain how fossils provide information about the past.	N/A
A	LC	Compare the causes that led to the extinction of various organisms.	88 Life on the Edge – p. 382
A	LC	Analyze how fossils provide information about the past.	N/A
A	LC	Compare the relative age of fossils in rock layers.	N/A

EARTH SCIENCE STANDARDS

7.0 Earth and Its Place in the Universe

The student will investigate the structure of the universe.

A	SC	Distinguish among the planets according to specific characteristics.	N/A
M		Demonstrate how moon phases occur.	N/A
D		Explain why the moon appears to change shape.	N/A
A	SC	Identify and arrange the phases of the moon in the correct sequence.	N/A
D		Explain the difference between rotation and revolution in the solar system.	N/A
A	SC	Identify the force that pulls objects toward the Earth.	N/A
A	SC	Differentiate between the Earth's rotation and its revolution.	N/A
A	SC	Recognize that the appearance of an object in the sky is affected by its size, motion, and distance from the Earth.	N/A

8.0 Atmospheric Cycles

The student will investigate the relationships among atmospheric conditions, weather, and climate.

I		Analyze data obtained from studies of atmospheric conditions (i.e., air pressure, wind speed, and precipitation).	48 Field, Forest, and Stream – p. 203
A	SC	Distinguish between weather and climate.	N/A
A	SC	Predict weather conditions based on an analysis of atmospheric data.	N/A
I		Explain the effects of landforms on weather and climate.	N/A
A	SC	Identify how various geographic features affect weather and climate.	N/A
D		Demonstrate the components and processes of the water cycle.	44 Water Wonders – p. 188
A	SC	Identify the basic features of the water cycle.	44 Water Wonders – p. 188
I		Analyze how temperature affects evaporation, condensation and precipitation.	44 Water Wonders – p. 188

9.0 Earth Features

The student will understand that the earth has many geological features that are constantly changing.

D		Explain how certain forces cause changes in the earth's geological features (i.e., wind, water, and plate tectonics).	N/A
A	ER	Identify forces that cause geological change.	N/A
D		Construct a model that depicts the layers of the earth.	N/A
A	ER	Recognize that the age of Earth materials can be determined by their position in rock layers.	N/A
A	ER	Identify characteristics of the earth's layers.	N/A

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10.0 Earth Resources

The student will investigate the properties, uses, and conservation of earth's resources.

D		Choose the appropriate use for an earth material (e.g., fuel, monument, and house foundation).	13 We All Need Trees (part B) – p. 65 15 A Few of My – p. 75 51 Make Your Own Paper – p.224 52 A Look at Aluminum – p. 228 69 Forest for the Trees – p. 291
A	ER	Select a diagram that illustrates the most appropriate use of an earth material.	82 Resource-Go-Round – p. 355
D		Describe the process of soil formation.	23 The Fallen Log – p. 105 24 Nature's Recyclers – p. 108
A	ER	Select the soil characteristics that best support plant growth.	48 Field, Forest, and Stream – p. 203 70 Soil Stories – p. 297
A	ER	Recognize the impact of society's use of nonrenewable resources over time.	36 Pollution Search – p. 153 14 Renewable or Not? – p. 69 39 Energy Sleuths – p. 167 86 Our Changing World – p. 375

PHYSICAL SCIENCE STANDARDS

11.0 Forces and Motion

The student will investigate the effects of force on the movement of objects.

D		Explain the effect that gravity has on objects found on earth.	N/A
A	ME	Identify the effect that gravity has on objects found on or near the earth's surface.	N/A
D		Explain the relationships among mass, force, and distance traveled.	N/A
I		Explain the relationship between slope and the amount of force.	N/A
A	ME	Determine the effect of slope and friction on the speed of an object.	N/A
D		Explore and explain the use of simple machines.	N/A
A	ME	Match simple machines with their uses.	N/A
D		Explore and explain how friction affects motion.	N/A

12.0 Structure and Properties of Matter

The student will investigate the characteristic properties of matter.

A	M	Select a material according to a description of its physical properties.	N/A
A	M	Determine the appropriate metric unit of measurement for specific properties of matter.	67 How Big is Your Tree? p. 284
A	M	Recognize the law of conservation of matter.	N/A
D		Describe how evaporation and condensation occur as a result of temperature change.	44 Water Wonders – p. 188
D		Explain why different types of matter freeze, melt, and/or evaporate at different rates.	N/A
A	M	Recognize how heat loss or gain is associated with a change in the state of matter.	N/A

13.0 Interactions of Matter

The student will investigate the interactions of matter.

I		Identify conditions associated with a chemical change.	N/A
A	M	Distinguish between physical and chemical changes.	N/A
A	M	Compare the effect of physical and chemical changes on matter.	N/A
A	M	Identify a substance as an acid (i.e., vinegar or lemon juice) or a base (i.e., soap or baking	N/A

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14.0 Energy

The student will investigate energy and its uses.

A	ME	Recognize how various materials conduct heat.	N/A
D		Demonstrate and explain how energy can change form.	N/A
A	ME	Differentiate between potential and kinetic energy.	N/A
A	ME	Identify ways that energy is transferred.	N/A
D		Observe and describe how lenses affect a beam of light.	N/A
A	ME	Select the illustration that depicts how lenses refract light.	N/A
D		Explore and describe the uses of magnets.	N/A
A	ME	Identify the poles of a magnet.	N/A
A	ME	Identify the description of a magnetic field.	N/A
I		Construct and explain a parallel circuit.	N/A
A	ME	Distinguish between series and parallel circuits.	N/A
D		Explain the use of a specific type of electrical circuit.	N/A

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SCIENCE ***Sixth Grade***

LIFE SCIENCE STANDARDS

2.0 Interactions Between Living Things and Their Environment

The student will investigate how living things interact with one another and with nonliving elements of their environment.

Key	Reporting Category		PLT ACTIVITY
A	IL	Distinguish between commensalism, parasitism, and mutualism.	26 Dynamic Duos – p. 113
D		Distinguish between predators and prey.	25 Birds and Worms – p. 111
A	IL	Recognize how animals and plants are interdependent.	7 Habitat Pen Pals – p. 37 22 Trees as Habitats (part B) – p. 102 23 The Fallen Log – p. 105 26 Dynamic Duos – p. 113 47 Are Vacant Lots Vacant? – p. 200 45 Web of Life – p. 194 88 Life on the Edge – p. 382
A	IL	Predict whether an organism can survive in a particular ecosystem.	7 Habitat Pen Pals – p. 37 29 Rain Reasons – p. 123 31 Plant a Tree – p. 132 47 Are Vacant Lots Vacant? – p. 200
D		Interpret how humans impact ecosystems.	12 Invasive Species – p. 59 33 Forest Consequences – p. 138 71 Watch on Wetlands – p. 303 86 Our Changing World – p. 375 94 By the Rivers of Babylon – p. 411

3.0 Food Production and Energy for Life

The student will study the basic parts of plants, investigate how plants produce food, and discover that plants and animals use food to sustain life.

D		Classify organisms as producers, consumers, or decomposers.	23 The Fallen Log – p. 105 24 Nature's Recyclers – p. 108
A	FP	Identify how organisms obtain food for energy.	23 The Fallen Log – p. 108 26 Dynamic Duos – p. 113 28 Air Plants – p. 120 41 How Plants Grow (var.) – p. 179 45 Web of Life – p. 194
A	FP	Classify organisms as producers, consumers, or decomposers in a food chain or food web.	22 Trees as Habitats – p. 102 45 Web of Life – p. 194
D		Demonstrate interrelationships among organisms in a food chain or food web.	45 Web of Life – p. 194
A	FP	Infer the consequences of a change in the population size of an organism in a food chain or food web.	12 Invasive Species – p. 59 45 Web of Life – p. 375 86 Our Changing World – p. 375

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5.0 Diversity and Adaptation Among Living Things

The student will understand that living things have characteristics that enable them to survive in their environment.

D		Explain how the relationship between the form and function of an organism is associated with survival in a given environment.	10 Charting Diversity – p. 50 11 Can It Be Real? – p. 54 25 Birds and Worms – p. 111 26 Dynamic Duos – p. 113 43 Have Seeds, Will Travel – p. 185
A	DA	Identify adaptations that enhance the survival of organisms in an environment.	11 Can It Be Real? – p. 54 25 Birds and Worms – p. 111 26 Dynamic Duos – p. 113
A	DA	Determine which organisms are likely to survive in a particular environment.	7 Habitat Pen Pals – p. 37
A	DA	Classify plants and animals according to their features.	10 Charting Diversity – p. 50 43 Have Seeds, Will Travel – p. 185 68 Name That Tree – p. 288

6.0 Biological Change

The student will understand that living things have changed over time.

A	BC	Analyze how fossils provide information about the past.	N/A
A	BC	Differentiate between the relative age of fossils in a sedimentary rock diagram.	N/A
I		Determine the geologic age of an object using a diagram or a time line.	N/A
D		Identify additional lines of scientific evidence, other than fossils, that support the idea of change over time.	N/A
A	BC	Select additional lines of scientific evidence, other than fossils, that illustrate change over time.	N/A
D		Predict how a specific environmental change might affect the survival of a plant or animal species.	71 Watch on Wetlands – p. 303 86 Our Changing World – p. 375 88 Life on the Edge – p. 382
D		Evaluate possible causes of extinction.	88 Life on the Edge – p. 382
A	BC	Identify factors that contribute to extinction.	71 Watch on Wetlands – p. 303 80 Nothing Succeeds.... – p. 345 86 Our Changing World – p. 375 88 Life on the Edge – p. 382

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EARTH SCIENCE STANDARDS

7.0 Earth and Its Place in the Universe

The student will investigate the structure of the universe.

D		Differentiate among the components of the universe.	N/A
A	EU	Categorize the components of the universe (i.e., stars, planets, comets, asteroids, and meteors).	N/A
A	EU	Differentiate between planets according to specific characteristics.	N/A
D		Construct a model of the solar system.	N/A
D		Illustrate the positions of the Earth, moon, and sun during solar and lunar eclipses.	N/A
D		Use a model to explain how the tilt of the Earth and its revolution around the sun causes the seasons.	N/A
A	EU	Distinguish between a day, month, and year based on the movements of the Earth, sun, and moon.	N/A
A	EU	Differentiate between a solar and a lunar eclipse.	N/A
A	EU	Select the diagram that reflects the Earth/sun relationship that accounts for the four seasons.	N/A
D		Identify the pull of gravity as the force that holds the planets and their moons in orbit.	N/A
A	EU	Identify the force that pulls objects toward the Earth.	N/A
I		Relate tidal conditions with the position of the moon.	N/A
A	EU	Predict the type of tide produced by the different positions of the Earth and moon system.	N/A
I		Make use of available resources (internet, library, interviews, etc.) to research careers associated with technology and space exploration.	N/A

PHYSICAL SCIENCE STANDARDS

14.0 Energy

The student will investigate energy and its uses.

D		Recognize the basic parts of a wave.	N/A
A	E	Identify the wavelength, frequency, and amplitude of a wave.	N/A
D		Explain how the properties of sound are related to wavelength, frequency, and amplitude.	N/A
A	E	Predict the direction of heat flow between objects.	N/A
I		Explain the difference between the Fahrenheit and Celsius temperature scales.	N/A
D		Explain how magnets are involved in the production of electricity.	N/A
D		Distinguish among heat, chemical, electrical, and mechanical energy.	N/A
I		Understand the law of conservation of energy.	28 Air Plants – p. 120
A	E	Recognize a variety of energy transformations.	N/A
A	E	Infer the impact of nuclear power on humans and the environment.	39 Energy Sleuths – p. 167
D		Describe the electromagnetic spectrum.	N/A
A	E	Select examples of refraction, reflection, and absorption of light.	N/A
I		Compare incandescent and fluorescent light with respect to production and efficiency.	N/A

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SCIENCE **Seventh Grade**

LIFE SCIENCE STANDARDS

1.0 Cell Structure and Function

The student will investigate the structure and function of plant and animal cells.

Key	Reporting Category		PLT ACTIVITY
D		Design and construct a hierarchy among cells, tissues, organs, and systems.	N/A
A	CS	Determine the relationships among cells, tissues, organs, and systems given a diagram and identify the function of organ systems.	N/A
A	CS	Recognize basic structures that most cells share (i.e., nucleus, cytoplasm, and cell membrane).	N/A
A	CS	Distinguish between plant and animal cells.	N/A
A	CS	Identify major cell organelles and their functions.	N/A
D		Sequence a series of diagrams depicting the stages of cell division in plant and animal cells.	N/A
A	CS	Sequence a series of diagrams depicting the movement of chromosomes during mitosis.	N/A
I		Design models to illustrate how materials move between cells and their environment.	N/A
A	CS	Predict the movement of substances through osmosis or diffusion across the cell membrane, given solutions of different concentrations.	N/A

3.0 Food Production and Energy for Life

The student will study the basic parts of plants, investigate how plants produce food, and discover that plants and animals use food to sustain life.

D		Compare and contrast photosynthesis and respiration.	N/A
A	FP	Determine what plants need to make food.	27 Every Tree ... (var) – p. 117 41 How Plants Grow – p. 179 42 Sunlight and Shades p.182
A	FP	Identify photosynthesis as the food making process in plants.	28 Air Plants – p. 120 41 How Plants Grow – p. 179 42 Sunlight and Shades p.182
A	FP	Identify the reactants and products of photosynthesis and respiration.	28 Air Plants – p. 120
D		Relate the processes of photosynthesis and respiration to appropriate cellular organelles.	N/A
A	FP	Associate the processes of photosynthesis and respiration with appropriate cellular organelles.	N/A
D		Diagram and explain how oxygen and carbon dioxide are exchanged between living things and their environment.	28 Air Plants – p. 120
A	FP	Select the structures that animals use to obtain oxygen.	N/A
A	FP	Classify animals according to their means of obtaining oxygen.	N/A
A	FP	Select the illustration that depicts the movement of oxygen and carbon dioxide between living things and their environment.	28 Air Plants p 120
A	FP	Interpret a diagram depicting the oxygen-carbon dioxide cycle.	28 Air Plants – p. 120

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4.0 Heredity and Reproduction

The student will understand the basic principles of inheritance.

A	HR	Match a flower part with its reproductive function.	N/A
A	HR	Distinguish between sexual and asexual methods of reproduction.	43 Have Seeds, ... (<i>enrich</i>) – p. 185
D		Recognize that genetic information is passed from parent to offspring during reproduction.	N/A
A	HR	Recognize advantages and disadvantages of sexual and asexual reproduction.	N/A
A	HR	Recognize a variety of pollination methods and associated floral adaptations.	N/A

Earth Science Standard

8.0 Atmospheric Cycles

The student will investigate the relationships among atmospheric conditions, weather, and climate

D		Explain how conditions, such as the amount of precipitation, temperature, and wind speed affect the water cycle.	N/A
A	AC	Determine how temperature affects evaporation and condensation in the atmosphere.	44 Water Wonders – p. 188
A	AC	Identify the detailed features of the water cycle given a diagram (i.e., evaporation, condensation, precipitation, run-off, and transpiration).	44 Water Wonders – p. 188
D		Record and analyze meteorological data to predict weather patterns.	29 Rain Reasons (assessment) p. 123
D		Use diagrams to demonstrate how atmospheric winds and ocean currents affect weather and climate.	N/A
A	AC	Analyze data and make predictions about weather given a scenario.	N/A
A	AC	Interpret weather data using a weather map.	N/A
I		Explain the impact of catastrophic events on climate (e.g., volcanic eruption).	84 The Global Climate – p. 363
I		Research careers related to meteorology.	N/A

Physical Science Standard

12.0 Structure and Properties of Matter

The student will investigate the characteristic properties of matter.

D		Differentiate among elements, compounds, and mixtures.	N/A
A	SP	Distinguish between elements, compounds, and mixtures (i.e., Na, Cl, NaCl, C, O ₂ , CO ₂ , H ₂ , and H ₂ O).	N/A
D		Describe the particle arrangement associated with different states of matter.	N/A
A	SP	Compare the motion and arrangement of molecules in solids, liquids, and gases.	N/A
D		Identify the mass, volume, density, boiling point, melting point, and solubility of a given substance.	N/A
D		Measure and/or calculate the mass, volume, density, and temperature of a given substance.	37 Reduce, Reuse, Recycle p. 159 38 Every Drop Counts p. 163
A	SP	Determine the measurable properties of matter and appropriate metric units (i.e., weight, mass, volume, density, size (length, width, height, and temperature).	37 Reduce, Reuse, Recycle p. 159 38 Every Drop Counts p. 163 67 How Big is Your Tree? p. 284
I		Obtain information about an element with the aid of a periodic table.	N/A
A	SP	Classify substances as elements or compounds from their symbols or formulas.	N/A

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SCIENCE

Eighth Grade

LIFE SCIENCE STANDARDS

2.0 Interactions Between Living Things and Their Environment

The student will investigate how living things interact with one another and with nonliving elements of their environment.

Key	Reporting Category		PLT ACTIVITY
D		Characterize the major biomes according to specific environmental features and identify the organisms commonly found in these areas.	N/A
A	IL	Distinguish among commensalisms, parasitism, and mutualism.	26 Dynamic Duos – p. 113
A	IL	Identify the earth's major biomes.	49 Tropical Treehouse – p.207
A	IL	Choose the appropriate biome for an organism, given a description.	N/A
A	IL	Identify biotic and abiotic factors in a biome.	29 Rain Reasons – p. 123

4.0 Heredity and Reproduction

The student will understand the basic principles of inheritance.

A	HR	Differentiate between complete and incomplete metamorphosis.	N/A
A	HR	Distinguish between sexual and asexual methods of reproduction.	43 Have Seeds, ... (enrich) – p. 185
		Use the results of a test cross to distinguish between dominant and recessive traits.	N/A
A	HR	Differentiate between dominant and recessive traits.	N/A
A	HR	Predict the genotypes of offspring in a monohybrid cross using a punnett square.	N/A
I		Draw or construct a model representing the relationship among DNA, genes, and chromosomes.	N/A
A	HR	Select models or illustrations that are representations of DNA.	N/A
A	HR	Associate a change in a DNA molecule with a mutation.	N/A
A	HR	Identify types of genetic engineering (i.e., gene splicing and cloning) and evaluate the impact of genetic engineering on society.	N/A
I		Construct a simple model that represents the basic process by which reproductive cells are produced (meiosis).	N/A
I		Research and present information on careers related to biotechnology.	N/A

5.0 Diversity and Adaptation Among Living Things

The student will understand that living things have characteristics that enable them to survive in their environment.

A	DA	Identify similarities and differences among organisms.	Have Seeds, Will Travel – p. 185 61 The Closer You Look p. 263 64 Looking at Leaves p. 273 66 Germinating Giants p. 279 68 Name that Tree p. 288
A	DA	Classify plants and animals into groups according to their features.	10 Charting Diversity – p. 50 43 Have Seeds, Will Travel – p. 185 64 Looking at Leaves p. 273 68 Name that Tree p. 288
A	DA	Infer the relatedness of different organisms.	N/A
A	DA	Use a simple classification key to identify an unknown organism.	68 Name That Tree – p. 288

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A	DA	Determine the genus and species of an organism using a dichotomous key.	N/A
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EARTH SCIENCE STANDARDS

9.0 Earth Features

The student will understand that the earth has many geological features that are constantly changing.

D		Differentiate among earth layers according to their physical properties.	N/A
A	EF	Label a cross section of the earth.	N/A
D		Illustrate the major plate boundaries.	N/A
A	EF	Identify the major plates of the world.	N/A
A	EF	Deduce plate movements as the major cause of geological events.	N/A
D		Compare and contrast processes that shaped the earth in the past with those shaping the earth today (e.g., plate movements, human activity, and mountain building).	N/A
A	EF	Recognize the relationship between continental drift and plate tectonics.	N/A

10.0 Earth Resources

The student will investigate the properties, uses, and conservation of earth's resources.

A	ER	Distinguish between renewable and nonrenewable resources.	15 A Few of My Favorite Things p. 75 52 A Look at Aluminum – p.228 14 Renewable or Not? – p. 69 39 Energy Sleuths – p. 167 69 Forest for the Trees – p. 291 82 Resource-Go-Round – p. 355 89 Trees for Many Reasons – p. 291
D		Distinguish among common minerals found in rock samples using test kits, descriptive charts, etc.	N/A
A	ER	Identify rocks and minerals given a table of physical properties.	N/A
D		Describe how various minerals are used.	52 A Look at Aluminum – p. 228
		Label a diagram depicting the processes of the rock cycle.	N/A
A	ER	Identify factors that cause rocks to break down.	N/A
A	ER	Distinguish among sedimentary, igneous, and metamorphic rocks and interpret a simple rock cycle diagram.	N/A
M		Explain how fossils are used to understand the earth's past.	N/A
A	ER	Infer that human activities may be helpful or harmful to the environment.	33 Forest Consequences – p. 138 35 Loving It Too Much – p. 147 36 Pollution Search – p. 153 88 Life on the Edge – p. 382 94 By the Rivers of Babylon – p. 411
D		Research how technological advances have impacted the environment (e.g., the use of fertilizers, and fossil fuels).	84 The Global Climate – p. 363
A	ER	Identify various energy sources.	39 Energy Sleuths – p. 167
D		Analyze aspects of energy consumption by society.	39 Energy Sleuths – p. 167 53 On the Move – p. 232 73 Waste Watchers – p. 314 85 In the Driver's Seat – p. 370
D		Evaluate the effectiveness of various conservation strategies on the earth's energy and natural resources.	69 Forest for the Trees – p. 291 73 Waste Watchers – p. 314 84 The Global Climate – p. 363 86 Our ChangingWorld – p. 375

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PHYSICAL SCIENCE STANDARDS**11.0 Forces and Motion***The student will investigate the effects of force on the movement of objects.*

D		Determine the speed of an object based on the distance and amount of time traveled.	N/A
D		Differentiate between speed and velocity.	N/A
A	FM	Recognize that forces cause changes in speed and/or direction of motion.	N/A
A	FM	Solve problems pertaining to distance, speed, velocity, and time given illustrations, diagrams, graphs, or scenarios.	N/A
D		Describe how Newton's three laws of motion explain the movement of objects.	N/A
A	FM	Recognize the relationship between mass, force, and acceleration.	N/A
A	FM	Identify Newton's three laws of motion and relate the first two laws to the concepts of inertia and momentum.	N/A
D		Distinguish between mass and weight.	N/A
D		Describe the relationship among distance, size, mass, and gravitational force of objects.	N/A
A	FM	Identify the relationship between the mass of objects, the distance between them, and the amount of gravitational attraction.	N/A
D		Differentiate among the six types of simple machines and their applications.	N/A
A	FM	Identify simple machines.	N/A
A	FM	Choose the most appropriate simple machine to use for a specific task.	N/A

13.0 Interactions of Matter*The student will investigate the interactions of matter.*

D		Determine whether a substance is an acid or base using an indicator.	71 Watch on Wetlands – p. 303 77 Trees In Trouble – p. 332
A	IM	Identify substance as an acid or a base, given its pH.	71 Watch On Wetlands - p. 303
A	IM	Distinguish between physical and chemical changes.	N/A
		Recognize that oxygen, in combination with another substance, results in a chemical change.	N/A
D		Identify the reactants and/or products in a chemical change.	N/A
		Explain why the mass of the reactants is the same as the mass of the products during a chemical change.	N/A
A	IM	Recognize that the mass of the reactants is the same as the mass of the products, given simple chemical equations.	N/A
		Describe how variables such as temperature and concentration affect the rate of reaction.	N/A
A	IM	Determine how temperature and concentration might affect the rate of chemical reactions.	N/A
A	IM	Classify a reaction as exothermic or endothermic.	N/A

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